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Sen. Laura Toy lauds Partnership for Prescription Assistance in Westland, Redford

LANSING – State Sen. Laura M. Toy, 6th District, is on a mission to get the word out about the Partnership for Prescription Assistance. If you are without prescription drug coverage and cannot afford the medicines you need, call 1-888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669) or log on to www.pparx.org.

The program offers a single point of access to individuals without prescription drug coverage to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 150 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.

“The partnership is the largest private-sector program to help patients in need without prescription coverage get the medicines they require,” Toy said at kick-off events in Westland and Redford on Friday. “With all of the benefits the partnership has to offer, it is my pleasure to help inform my constituents, and the people of Wayne County, about this program.”

The kick-off events were held at the Westland Friendship Center and at Familymeds Pharmacy in Redford Township. Toy also thanked Wyeth and Pfizer for donating materials to help promote the partnership in her district.

In just nine months, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance has matched more than one million people to patient assistance programs that likely meet their needs.

“Under this program, you call one number or log on to one website and tell them all of the medicines you take,” Toy said. “They will then ask you some questions about your income and other insurance or assistance you may have and connect you with the programs that might be able to help.”

The partnership is not an insurance program and is not related to the new Medicare Part-D benefit. There are no age restrictions to seek help.

The program serves as a clearinghouse for all of the major drug companies’ individual low-income assistance programs as well as other public and private patient assistance programs.

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Editor’s note: Photos from kick-off events in Westland and Redford are available at:
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